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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 32-47 are pending in the present application.

Claims 46-47 were previously withdrawn, but have not been canceled.

Claims 1 and 38 were amended herein.

Claims 48-49 were added.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph (Written Description)

Claims 1 and 32-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b), independent claims 1 and 38 have been amended to eliminate the subject matter asserted in the Office Action to not be supported by the application as filed.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 1 and 32-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph has been overcome.

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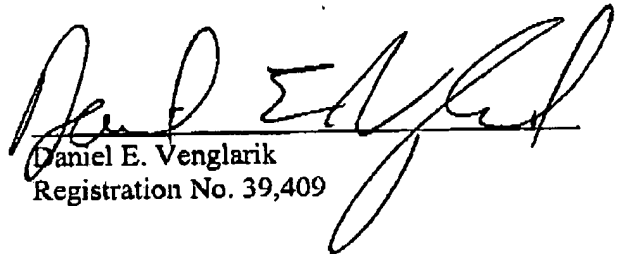
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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